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1. On 9 July 1952 commodity prices in the Sinŭiju area were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit of Measurement</u>	<u>Price in North Korean Won</u>
Rice	1 small mal ¹	4,250
Millet	1 small mal	4,100
Wheat flour	25-pound bag	13,000
Beans	1 small mal	2,500
Red beans	1 small mal	4,000
Corn	1 small mal	2,500
Laundry soap	1 cake	200 to 400
Korean cotton cloth	1 meter	475
Socks	1 dozen pair	7,000

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2. On 23 July 1952 commodity prices in Wonsan² were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit of Measurement</u>	<u>Price in North Korean Won</u>
Rice	1 small mal	5,000
Millet	1 small mal	4,500
Salt	1 small mal	1,000
Cigarettes (North Korean)	1 package of 20	300
Cigarettes (Chinese)	1 package of 20	800
Cigarettes (Czechoslovakian)	1 package of 20	1,200
Aspirin (United States manufacture)	1 tablet	200
Sulfadiazine (United States manufacture)	1 tablet	300
Sulfaguanidine (United States manufacture)	1 tablet	400

3. On 19 July 1952 commodity prices in P'yongyang were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit of Measurement</u>	<u>Price in North Korean Won</u>
Rice	1 small mal	4,000
Millet	1 small mal	3,700
Wheat	1 small mal	1,500
Red beans	1 small mal	3,500
Beef	1 kun ⁴	800
Pork	1 kun	1,000
Eggs	1 kun	100
Liquor	1 mal	1,200
Cigarettes (North Korean)	1 package of 20	150
Cigarettes (Chinese)	1 package of 20	400
Rubber shoes	1 pair	3,000
Leather shoes	1 pair	4,000

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit of Measurement</u>	<u>Price in North Korean Won</u>
Cotton cloth	30 yards	40,000
Western style clothing	1 suit (high quality)	50,000
Western style clothing	1 suit (low quality)	10,000

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1. ☐ Comment. A small mal of rice is about 15 pounds or 9 liters.

2. ☐ Comment. A comparison of the present report with a report on prices for the Wonsan area on 2 June 1952, ☐ shows 25X1A that rice and millet prices remained the same but that the price of salt increased 25 percent.

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3. ☐ Comment. A comparison of the present report with a report on prices for the P'yongyang area on 22 June 1952, ☐ 25X1A shows that there was a substantial decrease in the price of rice and millet and that Korean cigarettes dropped 62 1/2 percent. The decrease in the price of cigarettes is so large that it is possible that the price quoted in the earlier report referred to Chinese cigarettes.

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4. ☐ Comment. 1 kun is about 1 1/3 pounds.

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